

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: C-13
DATE: December 13, 2007
SUBJECT: Reappointment of Councilmember Slawson as the Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator *D. Knight*

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to reappoint Councilmember Slawson as the City's Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint Councilmember Slawson as the City's Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative.

SUMMARY:

Councilmember Slawson's appointment to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board (CAB) will expire at the end of the year. Councilmember Slawson has informed City Staff that he is interested in serving another term as the City's representative to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board.

The City Council needs to either reappoint Councilmember Slawson to the CAB or take nominations and appoint a new representative. A new appointment or reappointment of Councilmember Slawson to the CAB can occur during the December 13, 2007 meeting or the appointment can be delayed until January 10, 2008 after Councilmembers Davenport-Smith and Doorneck have been sworn-in.

The City of Sultan is a part of a larger network of county, state and federal governments. Legislation passed at the county, state and federal level impacts the City of Sultan. Regional work groups discuss many of the decisions made at other levels of government prior to adoption to ensure that issues affecting local governments are aired and resolved.

Councilmember appointments to regional boards, such as the Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board, are important to ensure that Sultan has "a seat

at the table" and that the issues and concerns of small cities such as Sultan are considered during the decision making process.

BACKGROUND:

Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) is a cooperative/collaborative public interjurisdictional forum consisting of representatives from the county and each of the cities as well as from the Tulalip Tribes.

SCT's mission is to adopt a publicly shared vision, including goals and policies, to guide effective growth management and to preserve Snohomish County's unique quality of life.

SCT is the keeper of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), which are written policies used solely for the purpose of establishing a countywide framework from which the county and city's comprehensive plans are developed.

SCT consists of six committees: the Community Advisory Board, Executive Committee, Infrastructure Coordinating Committee, Managers/Administrators Group, Planning Advisory Committee, and Steering Committee. Each of these committees meets monthly with the exception of the Community Advisory Board which meets bi-monthly.

The Community Advisory Board is a standing committee of Snohomish County Tomorrow. The CAB provides an opportunity for the private sector of Snohomish County to participate in, support, and be a resource for the Snohomish County Steering Committee growth management planning process. The Community Advisory Board provides feedback, input, and analysis on countywide growth management issues. These issues are provided by the Planning Advisory Committee as endorsed, directed and supported by the Steering Committee.

Membership of the Board is representative of all facets of communities in the county, including leaders from city, county and tribal governments, citizen and non-profit organizations, special purpose districts, business and industry, financial institutions and the building, development, and real estate community. CAB members must be either residents of the county or have a business location address within Snohomish County. CAB members do not need to be members of the Steering Committee; however, the Steering Committee does appoint all members of the CAB and provides direction and oversight to the standing committee.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reappoint Councilmember Slawson as the City's Snohomish County Tomorrow Representative.

This action assumes the City Council is prepared to make an appointment and no other Councilmember is interested in seeking the appointment.

Reappointing Councilmember Slawson also provides continuity as the City's representative. It typically takes several years before a new appointee becomes familiar with the issues and the process. Changing representatives could disrupt that continuity and create a loss of "corporate knowledge" and effectiveness in representing Sultan.

2. Take nominations and appoint a new representative.

This action implies that the City Council would offer the opportunity to serve to other members of the Council or that a Councilmember is interested in serving on the Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board. The Council could then choose to either appoint Councilmember Slawson or another interested Councilmember.

3. Postpone taking action and direct staff to bring this item back at the Council's January 10, 2007 meeting.

This action would provide an opportunity for new Councilmembers Davenport-Smith and Doornek the opportunity to submit their names for Council consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board meets every other month.

Councilmembers receive \$40.00 per council meeting/ maximum two per month and \$35.00 per other meetings/ maximum two per month. The Councilmember that is appointed may receive \$35.00 in pay for attending Snohomish County Tomorrow Community Advisory Board meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I MOVE TO REAPPOINT COUNCILMEMBER SLAWSON AS THE CITY'S SNOHOMISH COUNTY TOMORROW REPRESENTATIVE.

COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE: